

## House Resolution No. 3785

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Dr. Debra L. Corkery, an esteemed resident of Columbia, Missouri, who will officially retire from the Columbia 93 School District on June 29, 2007, after a long and illustrious teaching career that has spanned an incredible thirty years; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Corkery has played an integral role in the educational development of numerous Missouri youngsters as the Principal of Gentry Middle School for the past nine years, prior to which time she served the District as the Assistant Principal at Gentry Middle School from 1994 to 1998, teacher and Assistant Principal at Fairview Elementary School from 1990 to 1994, and teacher at Blue Ridge Elementary School from 1977 to 1990; and

**Whereas**, during her impressive tenure, Dr. Corkery has served as a member of the Stipend, Career Ladder, Middle School Advisory, Language Arts Curriculum, Student Information Systems, CPS High School Taskforce, Great Expectations Taskforce, and Assessment for Learning Team committees; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Corkery is also credited with helping open Gentry Middle School thirteen years ago and helping it to become a Missouri Gold Star School and a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Corkery is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with such important organizations as the International Reading Association, National Middle School Association, Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals, Columbia Community Teachers Association, King's Daughters, Downtown Rotary, Friends of Arrow Rock, American Cancer Society, the United Way, and the Missouri Contemporary Ballet Board of Directors; and

**Whereas**, a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, Dr. Corkery has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of her two wonderful children, Auben and Amber; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Corkery will be honored for her thirty years of service to the Columbia Public Schools during a special retirement reception to be held May 23, 2007:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Dr. Corkery for her thirty years of unparalleled service to the Columbia 93 School District and to the teaching profession; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dr. Debra L. Corkery.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ed Robb  
District No. 24

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3785, adopted May 17, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker